



**United States Consulate General**  
**Lagos, Nigeria**

Dear Visa Applicant,

If you are applying for an immigrant visa that is based on your relationship (either family or marital) to someone living in the United States, you will need to show evidence to demonstrate your relationship with the petitioner during the visa interview. Listed below are examples of documentation that other applicants have found helpful in the past.

If your visa application is based upon a marital relationship, you may wish to bring any or all of the following to your interview:

- Photos of you and your spouse taken **before** and **during** the marriage.
- **Telephone bills** from a U.S. Company from your spouse with calls to you highlighted.
- **Correspondence** exchanged between you and your spouse or correspondence sent to you and your spouse by other family members.
- **Birth certificates** of any children born of the marriage.
- Evidence of joint bank accounts, leases or mortgages held jointly, life and medical insurance policies indicating beneficiaries, car registrations showing joint ownership and addresses, driver's licenses for both spouses, utility bills and rent receipts.
- **Tax returns** for the past 3-4 years.

If your visa application is based on a relationship with a child, parent, or sibling you may wish to bring any or all of the following to you visa interview:

- **Photographs** taken over a period of years of yourself and your relative together.
- **Letters** with envelopes and post marks exchanged between yourself and your relative.
- A certified **copy of your relative's passport** showing the picture page, biographic data page, and with stamps indicating travel between Nigeria and the United States.

Letters and photographs provided in support of your visa applicant should cover a period of several years; preferably before your petition was filed. The more letters and photographs you can provide, the stronger your case will be.

We hope that this information will prove helpful in your application for an immigrant visa.